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31 August 1965

**MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert S. McNamara
Secretary of Defense**

**SUBJECT: Assignment of Mr. James Q. Reber
as Deputy Director/NRO**

1. In pursuance of our recent NRO agreement, I have nominated Mr. James Q. Reber to serve as Deputy Director to the Director/NRO, Dr. Alexander Flax.

2. Mr. Reber has discussed his assignment with Dr. Flax. Mr. Reber will report for duty on 2 September 1965.

3. Mr. Reber will be responsible to you directly through the Director/NRO and will remain on duty until released with your approval. At that time he will return to the Agency for other assignment, and he will be carried on Agency rolls for payroll purposes.

4. I have impressed upon Mr. Reber the mutual determination of the Secretary of Defense and myself to make the National Reconnaissance Office serve the national interest in the best possible way. This is also Mr. Reber's desire, and I am confident that together the Department of Defense and CIA can make this program highly successful.

/s/

W. F. RABORN

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